

FIREMEN FROM MANY CITIES IN U. M. C. CO. CORPS

Munitions Plant Has De-
partment With 48 Men
and Chemical Engine.

Forty eight men, headed by a chief and two captains and divided into a day and night shift of 24 men each compose the Union Metallic Cartridge Co.'s Fire department, which has been in operation two weeks. The fire companies are located at Gate 10, on Main street. Part of the equipment is a \$5,500 chemical engine.

Under the direction of Chief John H. Travers and fire captains John R. Vaughn in the day and Edward W. Doyle at night, the men are given a thorough drill every 24 hours. The big chemical is tested every one and a half hours and a complete inspection of the plant is made, as well as a thorough testing of hose, standpipes and the other fire fighting apparatus.

Sliding squads with ladders ascend the walls of the huge five story buildings daily examining every window that they may be ready for any emergency.

Included in the companies are fire fighters formerly with the departments of various cities throughout the country. Among them is James Farrell who was once a member of the Bridgeport Fire Department.

They are paid \$21 a week and receive a certain number of days off every year as in the city department. The Union Metallic Cartridge Co. Fire Department is an entirely separate organization from that of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. Although in case of a great fire the two departments would co-operate, there is no connection whatever between them.

POLICE BERTHS CAUSE SPLIT IN RANKS OF G. O. P.

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Don that Redgate will likely procure the appointment. The next in line for promotion will be Lieut. Suckley, who will be appointed a captain. President Stanley, as well as two other commissioners, are in favor of promoting Captain John H. Regan to the post to be left vacant by the prospective retirement of Captain of Detectives George H. Arnold. Regan's friends say that this office will not for a moment consider the appointment to the head of the detective bureau. It has been agreed that Regan can have the job providing he will accept.

Should Regan refuse the office, politicians say, the office will be given to Suckley. Should Regan accept the office, Suckley will be appointed captain of the Second precinct station.

The newly created office of lieutenant of detectives lies between Detective-Sergeants Edward O. Cronan and Peter Hall. Detective-Sergeant Peter Hackett has announced his intention of resigning at the request of the police board. The promotion of Cronan or Hall and the retirement of Hackett will leave two vacancies in the detective-sergeants.

According to the state Acting-Detective George Simon will be appointed a detective-sergeant. Acting-detective James Bray is giving Simon a great fight for promotion. Simon and Bray are both Republicans and both men hail from the 9th district. Simon has the backing of John T. King and the 9th district Republican club. Bray will be a hard choice.

Should the commissioners appoint one democrat and one republican to detective-sergeants, as is usually the custom, acting-detective James Dooley will receive the other promotion. Should a deal be entered into, however, Bray and Simon may procure both promotions and Dooley would be left in his present position. Acting-detective L. L. G. Petruschell has not been mentioned in the promotions as yet.

The promotion of Capt. Redgate to the head of the department would leave a vacancy in a captaincy. Capt. William Anderson's resignation will effect a second vacancy. Lieut. Fred Webb and Philip Blansfield are the choices for promotion.

The next order of business will be the filling of four lieutenantcies. These vacancies will be caused by the resignation of Lieut. John Quinlan and the promotion of Lieut. Suckley, Blansfield and Webb.

According to the latest state Sergeants James Ramsey, Edward Wagner and John McFerr are sure of promotion to the office of Lieutenant. The other vacancy is being contested by Sergeants John O'Connell and James Walker. O'Connell is the probable choice.

The promoting of four Sergeants to positions of lieutenant calls for the promoting of four policemen to the post of sergeant. The recently created position of sergeant calls for the appointment of another policeman as sergeant. All in all there will be five sergeants appointed.

The best bets for sergeantcies are Alpheus Goulet, Edward Wheeler, John Barton, John Browne, dog and liquor agent, and Joseph T. Coughlin. Policeman George Bennediti and John H. Gray are also in the running but the first three policemen above named feel sure of promotion. Policeman Clifford N. Gorgas has also been mentioned for a post of sergeant or possibly appointment as acting-detective in the detective bureau. There are several other policemen in the race for sergeantcies and some not yet even mentioned may land the coveted positions.

The retirement of Doorman James Halpin, Edgar Fisher and Charles Lush will leave three vacancies in the doormanships. Fred Schultz, Wilhelm Lundberg and Alexander F. Hatch, all Republicans, are in the race. There is a possibility of Po-liceman Michael J. Quilty, democrat, landing one of the posts of doorman. Quilty has been unable to do outside police work for the last six months, having received a fracture of the right knee when struck by a stone in a riot at the West End plant of the Crane Valve company early last September.

The promotions coupled with the appointing of 40 men as permitted for by a city ordinance as well as the appointment of a policeman to fill the vacancy caused by the dismissal from the department of Policeman Sheehy means the appointing of 70 policemen. The commissioners have the applications of several aspiring young men in their possession but the list of appointments has not yet been decided upon.

CHECK MOVE TO CUT OFF TRADE WITH GERMANY

Conference of Allies at Paris
Will Not Deal With Custom Affairs.

London, April 18.—The recent tariff agitation, growing out of the movement to cut off Germany's trade activities after the war has been checked by the announcement of Prime Minister Asquith in Parliament that the conference of the Allies going on at Paris would not deal with customs affairs, these being left for governmental action by each country. It had been expected that the conference would take advisory action, in line with the recent movement of British Chambers of Commerce, for a tariff giving special advantages to trade among the Allies and Colonies, reasonable concessions to neutrals, and a solid wall against Germany. But the premier's announcement is taken to mean that while joint action against Germany is open to discussion, each country must be left free to frame its own tariff laws without any commitment on a tariff scheme devised at a conference. The London Morning Post, one of the most active in the recent agitation, urges that the Prime Minister's announcement arraigns the political against the business interests, and that the latter should press forward their movement.

It says: "With a Tariff wall round the British Empire we shall be in a position to come to terms with our friends and to defend ourselves against our enemies." These questions are urgent and burning; they have been raised in a practical and pressing form by the exigencies of war. We believe it to be true that we must settle them or perish. There is every sign that the country now desires protection. No Free Trader dare stand up and say, in the face of the lessons of this war, that our present system of free imports shall be continued. They all make concessions to opinion, and many of our best Free Trade business men have been ashamed to announce their change of mind. It is the Free Trade politician who remains stubborn and unconverted. We are certain that the producers should be able to place before that able but somewhat elusive politician convincing proofs of the justice and the power of their cause. There is no time to be lost; if our industries do not dig themselves in now they may be overwhelmed by the new dangers of peace."

ANTI-SALOONISTS SEEK YOUNG BLOOD TO AID MOVEMENT

Columbus, O., April 18.—Special plans for enlisting young people's organizations in the fight for national prohibition will be made by the Anti-Saloon League of America. Its national convention to be held June 24 to 29 in Indianapolis, according to announcement of the program committee. A number of national organizations of young men and women interested in abolition of the liquor traffic will meet simultaneously with the Anti-Saloon League convention. The Eastern College oratorical contest will be a feature of the opening day of the convention.

Campaign plans will be developed at the convention for coordination of state Anti-Saloon League organizations in state prohibition campaigns as well as in the national fight.

Among the speakers at the meetings will be: Dr. Howard H. Russell, aged founder of the Anti-Saloon League and general secretary of the Lincoln-Lee Legion; Bishop Luther B. Wilson of New York, president of the league; Daniel A. Foling of Boston, former prohibition candidate for governor of Ohio; Rev. E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the league in Indiana; John G. Willacy, former liberal leader of Texas; and Governor Moses Alexander of Idaho.

On Sunday afternoon, June 25, the day preceding the formal convening of the convention, a mass meeting of men from Indianapolis and central Indiana, will be held at Tomlinson Hall. The collegiate oratorical contest is set for Monday afternoon, June 26. On that afternoon a rally of young people's organizations will be held. Round table discussions will feature the program for Tuesday morning. Delegates from Canada will tell of the successful fight for prohibition in the dominion.

PER CAPITA RATE \$38.41.

Washington, April 18.—The population of continental United States on April 1 was 102,804,000, as estimated by the Treasury Department statisticians in computing the per capita money circulation of the country which they place at \$38.41, an increase of \$3.67 over the per capita circulation on April 1 last year.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The closing reception of Miss Benita V. Stocum's school of dancing and deportment will be held in the Casino on State street on Saturday, May 20.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Anna Gray, of Greenfield Hill, to Harvey Taylor of Flushing, L. I. Miss Gray, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gray, is well known in this city where she attended the local High school and was graduated

with the class of 1912. Miss Gray is a senior in Mount Holyoke college, South Hadley, Mass., where the announcement of the engagement was made to a group of friends.

Cards have been received in this city announcing the marriage of Miss Catherine Stein, a graduate of the Bridgeport Hospital Training School for Nurses, to Dr. William Bean of New Haven. The marriage was solemnized on April 14.

As a compliment to Miss Marian

Page whose wedding date is set for a week from Saturday, Mrs. Harvey Hubbell gave an attractive luncheon yesterday at her home, 162 Park avenue. Orchids and roses in a large bowl formed the centerpiece for the table at which there were 12 covers.

Plans were completed last night at a meeting of the Alumni association of the St. Augustine's school, for a whist party and dance to be held on Monday evening, May 1, as an opening for the St. Augustine's new hall. This hall has been provided as a part of

the addition and remodeling of the St. Augustine's school. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Alumni association of the school and promises to be a splendid success.

Harland Shannon, son of Deputy Collector of Port and Mrs. John H. Shannon of 990 North avenue, returned today from Lehigh University where he is a member of the sophomore class. Mr. Shannon will spend his spring vacation in this city.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word.

Six Mexicans, confessed participants in the raid on Columbus, N. M., have been captured across the border and turned over to the sheriff at Columbus.

To facilitate the operation of the German-Rumanian trade agreement, a selling bureau will be established in Bucharest and a purchasing bureau in Berlin.

The American consulate at St. Pierre, Miquelon, was burned out. All the official documents were saved.